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## Union, Deauville Accept Arbitration of Rabbis

NEW YORK (NJP)—An offer of arbitration by the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox) has been accepted by the Deauville Hotel in Miami Beach and the labor union with which it is in dispute.

THE RCA, which has scheduled its annual convention at the Deauville for July 7, told the Hotel that it would cancel its convention just as the American Jewish Congress did last week unless the hotel was willing to use its good offices as arbitrator. (The AJCongress met last week at the Carillon Hotel in Miami Beach.)

THE UNION was told that unless it accepted the rabbi's offer, the group would meet at the Deauville.

## Denver Buildings Desecrated Again

DENVER, Colo. (NJP)—Beth Joseph Synagogue was hit for the second time by rock throwers and the Jewish Community Centers-B'nai B'rith building was desecrated by a stenciled swastika taped to the front door, according to the Intermountain News. Both incidents occurred in the early morning hours of Thursday, May 15.

The Beth Joseph desecration, which broke five office windows on the Ivanhoe Street side of the new building, was preceded by an anonymous telephone tip to the Denver Post, which immediately notified the police.

## Russian Exodus Would Need International Loan

MEXICO CITY (WNS)—Should the Soviet Government decide to permit Jews to leave the country there would be need for "an international loan of hundreds of millions of dollars" to assist in their emigration since neither Israel funds nor even funds from Jewry all over the world would suffice to meet the situation, Dr. Nahum Goldman told a news conference here.

## Norman Thomas Asks Israel To Limit Immigration

NEW YORK (NJP)—While Norman Thomas was telling the American Council for Judaism that Zionism should give up attempts to bring Jews from every land to Israel, another meeting not many blocks away heard demands that Israel be recognized as a mainstay of peace in the Middle East.

The Socialist leader addressed the fifteenth annual meeting of the Council, which also heard Harold Minor, president of the American Friends of the Middle East.

Former Senator Lehman, told a dinner meeting of the American Committee for Israel's

Tenth Anniversary, of which he is chairman, that the U. S. and other Western powers should underwrite the security of Israel and of her neighboring states—within their present border—in such positive terms that Israel would cease to be a focus of military danger in the area.

Thomas later this week accused the New York Times of misquoting his speech to the Council. The Socialist leader who last fall visited the Middle East explained that he said Israeli officials should stop calling for all Jews to come to Israel because this fans the Arab fears of Israel expansion.

## JEWISH DIVORCE RATE SHOCKING

DENVER (NJP)—Although half of the 25 divorces for people living outside of Denver, a divorce rate of 25 Jewish families a year was termed shocking in the Intermountain Jewish News here.

Dr. Alfred M. Neumann, director of the Jewish Family and Children's Service, said that the "myth of Jewish family stability is just a myth."

"Once it was a shame," he asserted, "for Jewish people to divorce. Now, people have no more shame, and the more common divorce becomes, the more fashionable."

## World Directory Of Kosher Foods Is Planned

JERUSALEM (NJP)—One of the first official acts of Heichal Shlomo, the new religious center here (NJP, May 16), was to decide to set up a world directory of branded kosher foods. The proposed directory will very likely be published the first part of next year.

## Cemetery Desecrations Continue in New Jersey

NEWARK (WNS)—More than 50 tombstone were smashed and overturned at the Jewish cemetery of Essex County. Sanford Epstein, cemetery overseer, said many trees were uprooted. The police are conducting an investigation.

This is the latest of a series of Jewish cemetery desecrations in the area.

## INDIA INVITES INBAL

NEW DELHI, India—The Inbal troupe of Israel has been invited officially by the government here to dance in India.

# Express Co. Statement Won't Halt Presidents

## \$75 Million Loan to Israel By US Jewry

JERUSALEM (NJP)—The \$75 million which Israel borrowed from Jewish communities throughout the United States five years ago, and has now repaid, will be negotiated again, Levi Eshkol, minister of finance, said on his return here from a trip to the United States. The money is made through the United Jewish Appeal, but is made possible by loans made by the local communities in local banks throughout the United States.

Mr. Eshkol told of an additional \$30 million which would be made available for first mortgages for new Israel homes through a holding company being set up by Philip Klutznick, president of B'nai B'rith. The funds will be advanced by U.S. insurance companies.

## Sarah Churchill, Son of Einstein At Technion Event

HAIFA (WNS)—The daughter of Sir Winston Churchill and the son of Albert Einstein will meet here next week to dedicate new installations on the campus of Technion—Israel Institute of Technology located on historic Mount Carmel.

Sarah Churchill, famed actress, is to represent her father and the Churchill family at ceremonies inaugurating the Winston Churchill auditorium on the Technion campus. Dr. Hans Albert Einstein, professor of hydraulic engineering at the University of California, is to open the Albert Einstein Institute of Physics building. Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion will speak at both ceremonies.

## ISRAEL MOTHERS SHOULD BEWARE!

JERUSALEM (NJP)—Israel mothers should beware.

The Investment Center here has approved the establishment of a chewing gum factory by Lieber Bros., chocolate manufacturers, in co-operation with the Topps Chewing Gum Corp., a United States concern.

The announcement didn't say exactly what kind of gum will be manufactured, but Topps is a leader in the bubble gum field.

## ISRAEL GROUPS NOT TO TILL LAND

TEL AVIV (NJP)—Complete Shemita (non tilling of the land) will be observed by 15 Poalei Agudat Israel agricultural settlements next year.

Shemita, as prescribed in the Bible, calls for letting land lie idle, and rest, every seventh year.

The ultra-Orthodox Poalei Agudat Israel rabbis and settlement leaders announced the move at a conference here this month.

Hapoel Hamizrachi (Orthodox) settlements are planning to "sell" their land to non-Jews, a device which permits them to work it during the Sabbatical year.

## Orthodox Rebuffed In Purchase of Pool

JERUSALEM (NJP)—An attempt by Orthodox groups to purchase the swimming pool over which a controversy has been raging, has fallen through. Mixed swimming of men and women will be permitted in the pool.

The Agudat Israel, which has been negotiating to purchase the pool, said Haim Schiff, owner of the President Hotel, and one of the owners of the new pool, had indicated he was unwilling to agree to the sale.

Schiff has charged that the kashrut of his hotel had been challenged (NJP, May 9) by the Jerusalem Religious Council because of his ownership of the pool.

NEW YORK (NJP)—The national Jewish organizations which have launched what is in effect a counter-boycott against the American Express Co. for yielding to the Arab boycott against Israel have not been impressed by the statement issued (NJP, May 16) to all Jewish publications by the travel agency.

The POST and OPINION was told by a spokesman for the Presidents' Conference, made up of the heads of the 17 major national Jewish organizations, that there is no change in its position.

THE COMPANY'S statement and the large advertisement they placed in all Jewish papers have produced no new facts to prompt any reconsideration, The POST and OPINION was advised.

On the contrary, most of the organizations sponsoring the counter-boycott have sent broadsides to their memberships informing them of the action of the American Express Co. in closing its office in Tel Aviv.

A TOTAL of 50,000 booklets listing the names of the American firms which have closed down their operations in Israel have been distributed by member organizations of the Presidents' Conference.

The POST and OPINION learned that before closing its Israel office, the American Express Co. consulted with the United States State Department.

## JAPAN TO BUILD TANKER

JERUSALEM (WNS)—A \$7½ million oil tanker is to be built in Japan for Israel under a contract signed here this week between the two countries.

## Mayors Cancel Convention Reservations at Biased Hotel

NEW YORK (NJP)—A number of New York State city officials have refused to attend the annual State Conference of Mayors early next month, claiming that the Lake Placid Club, where the conference is to take place, practices discrimination.

THE FIVE officials are—Samuel E. Stratton, Mayor of Schenectady; Maurice J. Fleishman, Long Beach, L. I. city manager; Anthony Di Paola, Long Beach City Clerk; Mayor Sedita of Buffalo; and Mayor Spitz of Poughkeepsie, it was reported to the POST and OPINION by Nat Belth of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

(The ADL has lodged a complaint with SCAD, State Commission Against Discrimination, against the hotel. The State

Commission declined to act on the matter, declaring that although they have information that the hotel does practice discrimination, it is a private organization, not subject to the Public Accommodations Law. ADL has appealed the decision.)

THE ADVISORY committee of the Conference of Mayors was to meet here Wednesday night to decide whether to go ahead with plans for the annual convention at the hotel.

Mayor Wagner, and Gov. Hariman, among a number of other mayors have indicated they will not attend.

The club's practice is to admit Jews when they are part of conventions, but refuse them reservations at other times.



## If Rabbis Won't Lead, Lay People Should Set Example — Mantinband

MIAMI BEACH (NJP)—Rabbi Charles Mantinband, of Hattiesburg, Miss., who has stood up courageously for the rights of the Negro, asserted here that "If the rabbis will not lead our people, then some of our people should set the example for our rabbis."

In his mild-mannered way, Dr. Mantinband explained the attitude of Southern Jews towards integration and although during his talk he seemed not to be pointing the finger at anyone, he still made some forceful comments.

"... the lay people, no less than their rabbis are cautious and timid," he asserted.

At another point, he said that,

"What is to be deplored, even though it can be understood, is the conspiracy of silence everywhere prevalent in Jewish circles."

"For the Negro-white race situation and the desegregation issue," he related, "is of special Jewish concern. The Jew, too, knows the humble origin of slavery, and looks back upon a long record of disability and persecution. How fallacious to reason that as long as another underdog is the scapegoat of society, our people may feel themselves relatively safe."

He praised those Jewish lead-

ers like Label Katz, of New Orleans, Mortimer May of Nashville and Sidney Hollander of Baltimore, whom he called "Southerners all," for espousing the fight for desegregation.

"Nor can we be moderate or gradual by supporting halfway measures."

Supporting the right of national Jewish bodies to take a stand on the segregation issue, the rotund Rabbi suggested that a non-fund-raising education program be set up among Jews of the South to give them the facts on the Jewish position on integration.

## Jews Seek To Prevent Talk Of Negro Rev. Martin Luther King

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (NJP)—An attempt to have Dr. Martin Luther King's appearance on the platform of the American Jewish Congress Convention here cancelled, met with failure.

The convention authorities ignored the pleas of Lucien Loeb and Lionel Weil, both Jewish leaders of Montgomery, Ala., who asked that Dr. King, the famous Negro leader, be prevented from speaking or that no publicity be given his appearance.

Two other requests, to the same effect, all stemming from Montgomery, also were not heeded.

The Jewish community of Montgomery, which formerly was a contributor to the American Jewish Congress, stopped its allocations to the organization three years ago.

## Officers Elected By Congress Listed

MIAMI BEACH (NJP)—The full list of officers named at the AJCongress convention here are:

President, Rabbi Joachim Prinz of Newark, N. J.; honorary chairman, Dr. Israel Goldstein of New York; chairman of the executive committee, Judge Justine Wise Polier of New York.

Vice-presidents, - Sidney Hollander of Baltimore; Bernard Trager of Bridgeport, Conn.; Paul Annes and Max A. Kopstein of Chicago; Bernard Schaenen of Dallas, Tex.; Julian Freeman of Indianapolis; Max

Nussbaum of Los Angeles; Anna Brenner Meyers of Miami, Fla.; Frank Abrams and Shad Polier of New York; Thelma Richman of Philadelphia; and Herman P. Taubman of Tulsa, Okla.

Chairman of the national administrative committee, Nathan L. Edelstein of Philadelphia; treasurer, Max Doff of New York; co-treasurer, Solomon Petchers of New York; secretary, Theodore Kolish of Brooklyn.

Honorary vice-presidents, Peter Leavitt of Boston, Prof. Horace M. Kallen, James N. Rosenberg and Isidore Teitelbaum, all of New York.

## Fund Drive Postponed As Reservations Poor

TAMPA (WNS)—Inadequate reservation by Tampa Jewry have forced last-minute cancellation of an inaugural dinner for the Jewish Welfare Federation drive.

Federation leaders said they were baffled by the situation, calling the "lethargy shown by Tampa Jewry in meeting their responsibilities" a major factor in the difficulties encountered by all of Tampa's Jewish agencies in giving service to our community.

## Religious Conflict Aids Progress, Confab Told

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (NJP)—The way to overcome religious tensions in the society brought on by religious differences is not to hide them, but to let various viewpoints compete with each other in the cultural market place.

This was the view of Dr. Leo Pfeffer, head of the Commission on Law and Social Action of the American Jewish Congress expressed at the organization's convention here.

DR. PFEFFER termed unsuccessful the efforts in this

area of the National Council of Christian and Jews because instead of meeting the problem it avoided them.

He also said he questioned the validity of the intercultural education approach. He said he doubted that it could be established by empirical tests that spreading of knowledge and understanding necessarily leads to sympathy and harmony.

WHAT IS needed, the Congress official said, was a set of rules of competition. He listed a series of seven do's and don'ts:

1. The use of force or coercion must at all times be condemned and rejected.

2. The suppression of any sect or of its activities must at all times be rejected. (He referred to Jehovah's Witnesses, whom he said were victims of community efforts at suppression).

3. The involvement of government must at all times be avoided, because it prejudices free choice by the people.

4. Uses of ecclesiastical sanctions to effect governmental activity must be avoided.

5. Verbal blows should be avoided. In this category was listed personal attacks on a Catholic who seeks Federal aid for parochial schools.

6. Chauvinism should be avoided, since it is an appeal to prejudice rather than reason.

7. Boycotts are a form of economic coercion and should be avoided. Under this provision, it would be proper for a clergyman to urge his communicants not to purchase salacious literature, but to boycott a theater and all its films because it exhibited one objectionable one is wrong.

PFEFFER delineated the thesis that religious groups avowedly or not seek to translate their own particular hierarchy of social values into categorical imperatives for the community at large, including those outside their own respective communities. Each religious group, he pointed out, consciously or unconsciously seeks to shape the culture of the community according to its own concepts of the good life.

The most obvious consequence of competition is conflict, he continued. This conflict is the price that must be paid for competition. Conflict is the indispensable ingredient of progress in any field, religion, social, moral, political, economic or any other. It neither can nor should be eliminated.

### Would Teach Israel History In U. S. Schools

MIAMI BEACH (NJP)—The view that Jewish history from the Abraham to the return from the exile should be taught in public schools evoked little enthusiasm from delegates to the American Jewish Congress convention here.

Dr. George Williams, professor of Bible history at Harvard, made the proposal, he said, because Americans are growing up with a knowledge of Greece and Rome, but the third component part of their heritage, Jerusalem, is missing.

Refusing to budge in the face of pointed questions from the floor, Dr. Williams said teaching this way would no more infringe on the constitutional stipulation of separation of church and state than would the teaching of mathematics. He said his proposal called for incorporating the material into history courses.

The audience reaction was negative however.

## First Jew Elected Glasgow Provost

GLASGOW, Scotland (NJP)—For the first time in the history of Glasgow, a Jew, Myer Galpern, has been elected lord provost, and will have the honor, along with his wife, the lady provost, of welcoming the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they visit Glasgow.

### BOOTS FOR SOLDIERS

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# ds d Bitter Debate Almost Disrupts Congress Convention

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (NJP)—What had been planned for a debate on a weighty Jewish question, "The Nature and Identity of the Jewish People," erupted into a bitter personal fight, which almost disrupted the sessions of the American Jewish Congress convention here.

**DR. NAHUM GOLDMANN**, who was not scheduled to participate in the debate, accused Justine Wise Polier, chairman of the Congress executive committee, of not knowing what democracy or Jewishness was. He asserted that he was very angry with her, and surprised at the daughter of the great Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

Meanwhile, the eminent New York woman judge had her hands full with one of two opponents in the debate—Dr. Joachim Prinz, who later was elected president of the Congress.

**THEIR DIFFERENCE** was on the matter of Jewish day schools and the proper place of civil rights in the program of the American Jewish Congress.

Dr. Prinz had told the delegates that the Congress was not a Jewish branch of the Civil Liberties Union.

Mrs. Polier had told the delegates that she felt that Jewish all-day schools might not fit in with democracy.

**INTERTWINED** through the hot session was the question of ghettoization, with Mrs. Polier on one side and Drs. Prinz and Goldmann on the other.

The third scheduled participant was Mrs. Thelma Richman.

Dr. Goldmann rose to rare forensic heights when he asserted that America's strength was that she permitted ghettos.

He seemed to feel that ghettoization might be the salvation of the American Jewish community, and declared that a ghetto was not a ghetto unless it was forced upon a group.

**THE SESSION** ended long after midnight, with the delegates disturbed and bitter. Many felt that Dr. Prinz had placed the wrong emphasis on Congress policy when he stressed that the fight for civil rights must stem from a solid Jewish background, and pushed for day schools as one means of imparting a positive Jewish education to American Jewish youth.

As a result, the session Friday afternoon, was preceded by a superb talk by Rabbi Israel Goldstein, retiring president of



RABBI JOACHIM PRINZ

the Congress, followed by Justine Wise Polier and then Dr. Prinz. At the end, there was peace all around. The three speakers reported that at a morning session of the officers committee, a common understanding had been reached.

**IN HIS TALK**, Dr. Prinz explained that he felt that as one who was to assume a role of importance in the Congress he owed it to the organization to state his personal views. (His ascension to the presidency had already been determined by the nominating committee, and the delegates were aware of this, although the election had not as yet taken place.)

He told the crowded session that Congress policy was a matter to be decided by them, and that he intended to follow the policies laid down by the organization. He did not mention day schools, but he did stress that he felt that the fight for civil rights stemmed from Jewish teachings and this was the source and underpinning of the age-old struggle of Jews to assure civil liberties to all.

**IN HER** prepared talk Mrs. Polier took issue with certain current trends in the American Jewish community.

She said: "THERE IS some danger in these days of change, in the post-Hitler world, and the world in which there is a Jewish state, that the concern for survival shall lead us into following demands for self-ghettoization, for conformity, for institutionalizing our way of life—so as to protect ourselves as a community against assimilation or disappearance. There are some troubling questions we must ask ourselves—Can Jews be truly citizens of America if they do not fully participate in the educational, economic, social and political life of their country? Can we both recognize the public school as the greatest democratic institution created in this country, defend it publicly, and participate in a movement to withdraw our children from the public schools and send them to parochial schools? Can we make a full contribution to American life if our

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work life is in the general community and our home and social life is entirely Jewish? Is there some danger of concentrating on formal adherence to Jewish institutions as a safeguard against the threats to survival? Will such self-isolation help our children or their children? Will it provide adequate preparation for life in a democracy?

At another point she challenged another prevailing concept:

"IT IS MY feeling that the Jewish contribution in the field of civil liberties or civil rights cannot and should not be based on the ground that Jewish survival is only possible where freedom and equality of rights are granted to all people. While I would agree that freedom is in the long run indivisible in the world, and that the Jew as a member of a minority group is most likely to suffer wherever there is injustice, that is not and cannot be a sound basis for our enlistment in the struggle for freedom.

"By reason of our heritage, our faith, the intuitive and all but instinctive reaction of the

Jew against injustice or the violation of human dignity, we are committed to the battle for human freedom whether it is or is not good for the survival of the Jewish people.

"IT IS therefore troubling to hear some leaders of Jewish organizations justify or rationalize their own action on behalf of other minorities on the ground that in the long run it will be good for the Jews. The corollary of such a premise would be that if we thought it would be bad for the Jews—we would not concern ourselves with justice for all men. Such a position violates and betrays all that prophetic Judaism means to us and hopefully will continue to mean to our children."

Dr. Prinz, who occupies a pulpit in Newark, N. J., in his prepared talk approached the topic of the debate as follows:

"The emphasis on Jewish motivation is not an attempt to enhance and decorate our work with Biblical quotations. It is the beginning of an educational process which is of the utmost importance. Too many of us find refuge in our

civil rights program because it affords us an opportunity to belong to a Jewish organization without being involved in what they imagine to be a Jewish program. It is to them, and to ourselves, that we must say that our civil rights program is not a department by itself, separated from a movement that calls itself the American Jewish Congress.

"Those who join our fight for civil rights and nothing more, have no place in the Congress movement. We might very well find ourselves some day with a living democracy granting full rights of equality and opportunity, but with the Jewish people no longer organized as a group to enjoy them. The right to live as a Jew means very little if there are no Jews who are willing and eager to live as Jews."

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## THE ARTS

## Caution: Don't Go to See Marjorie Morningstar as a Jewish Movie

By JOSEPH GALE

People who became upset, angered, irritated or offended by "Marjorie Morningstar," the novel, need have no fear. "Marjorie Morningstar," the film, will disturb no one—and besides, will coin a million dollars for its owners.



Gale

Out of Herman Wouk's involved, amorphous epic of upper middle-class Jewish life, scripter Everett Freeman has skillfully extracted only the love story of its principal character, whose name we all know is Morgenstern. Even so, Freeman lops off the schoolgirlish beginning and matronly ending of the novel, leaving a warm, misty-colored, dewy-eyed romance

shaped into the time-tested Hollywood formula, which has yet to fail.

The picture is handsomely photographed and beautifully set and costumed. It has a fine, Max Steiner score, smoothly orchestrated by Murray Cutter and Gus Levene, and a theme song, "A Very Precious Love," which will probably win an Academy Award. The music for this is by Sammy Fain, and the lyrics by Paul Francis Webster.



Wouk

**HAWK-EYED** purists should find little to cavil at with respect to the treatment of Jewish traditions and folkways. All is in good taste, though the bar

mitzva scene added nothing that we could discern, and the meaning of the seder segment was lost on us.

Moviegoers who read the book should forget it: they will find little of it in the film. Those who have not are advised to enjoy "Marjorie Morningstar," or not, purely as a motion picture without antecedents attached. As such, it is the stuff nickels and dimes are made of, and will increase Catskill business this summer by at least 1,000 per cent.

**LOADED TO** the brim with highly stylized corn, "Marjorie Morningstar" fails to turn mawkish by the thinnest margin. But it is a margin always respected, and thus the film can be honestly delightful to watch. The love story is satisfied and unrequited by turns, so that not until the finale is the bittersweet taste really revealed, sending

seamstresses and reviewers alike sighing deeply homeward.

Natalie Wood, in the title role, is perfection. She is exactly what a Jewish girl of her type and class would be. Her expressiveness, emotions, ideals and gradual awakening are absolutely exact. It is a wonderful job, in which acting as such seems to be nowhere on the premises. She is so completely Marjorie Morgenstern that one wonders what she will be like in another role.

**GENE KELLY** as Noel Airman, the reluctant fiancé, is tender and persuasive—if somewhat over-age for the part. He would seem much too sophisticated to have settled as a dramatic director at South Wind, the Catskill resort; "Les Girls" is too fresh in our mind.

The old pros in featured roles offered great satisfaction to this viewer. Ed Wynn contributed a remarkable bit as Uncle Sam-

son—relaxed, wise, sympathetic, comic and tragic all at once. Claire Trevor and Everett Sloane as Marjorie's parents are so good that they constitute prototypes. Carolyn Jones is typecast as Marsha, Marjorie's friend, contributing handsomely, particularly in a revealing scene just before her marriage to Lou Michaelson (Jesse White). Marty Milner as Wally fills the bill as a homegrown boy in love, who never quite loses the gawky awkwardness of that April-sprung malaise.

Yes, we liked "Marjorie Morningstar," not as a great picture of a controversial novel, not as a milestone in the art of the cinema, but simply as a boy-loves-girl movie which has all the necessary ingredients for audience identification. Anyone who attends for other reasons is likely to feel disappointed.

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**PAZUMCHIK**, more correctly Poziomczyk, means either a man who sells strawberries or one whose face bears a strawberry mark. Therefore, it is either a trade name or a name derived from a natural characteristic. The name is indeed Polish and one of the most unusual I have ever come across.

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## Cease Recruiting Jews, Israel Told By Sen. Flanders

WASHINGTON (WNS)—Israel must cease "recruiting Jews from those parts of the world where they are not living in fear and oppression" it was declared on the floor of the Senate this week by Sen. Ralph E. Flanders, as he took issue with what he called "expansionist recruiting" by Israel, particularly in South America.

The Vermont Republican said that Israel's attempts to "fill up

the narrow confines" of its present territory "with new hundreds of thousands of immigrants who are not refugees from terror cannot fail to be considered as evidence of imperialistic designs by the Arab nations by which Israel is surrounded." At the same time the senator said the Arabs "must recognize the existence of Israel, as a fact, reconcile themselves to it" and learn a lesson from "the remarkable results achieved by Israel in making the maximum of its resources."

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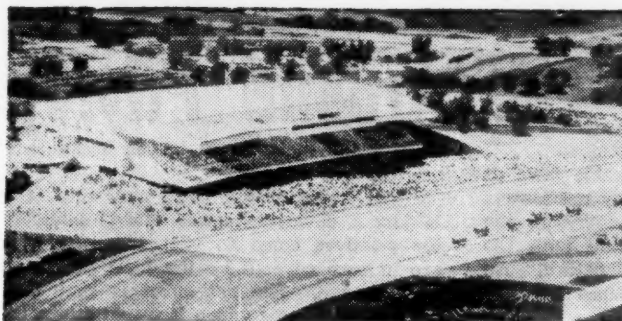
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### Hepzibah Laughs At Conversion Rumors

LONDON — Miss Hepzibah Menuhin, the sister of violinist Yehudi Menuhin, not only laughed off rumors heard at one time that she had converted to Catholicism, but told a recent meeting of the luncheon club of the Anglo-Jewish Assn. that her Judaism enabled her to offer both music and social services to the community.

"Never listen to those who would have you believe that the Menuhins are anything but entirely and devotedly Jewish," Hepzibah told the meeting.

from and abhor any missionary efforts."

Another Reform rabbi, Dr. William F. Rosenblum, of Temple Israel, said although he is against "missionizing," Judaism's ethical and moral principles should be presented to "those who have no religion at all."

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## HIS MISSIONARY PROPOSAL A JEST, SAYS EISENSTEIN

CHICAGO (NJP)—One of the rabbis who recommended that Jews should proselytize admitted here that he made the suggestion in jest.

Rabbi Ira Eisenstein, of Temple Anshe Emet, blamed reporters for taking seriously what he had meant to be "subtle" humor.

"Missionizing," the rabbi wrote in his bulletin, "implies that the missionary possesses the Truth with a capital T; and it further implies that truth cannot be transmitted except in the language and the form of the group or church that does the transmitting."

"The fact is," he continued, "that any insight into moral and spiritual truth that Jews may want to convey to the world may be accepted by non-Jews, and incorporated into their culture, their tradition and their civilization. We Jews have demonstrated this throughout the ages by absorbing ideas from the outside world and making them part of our Judaism."

Rabbi Eisenstein added that "even Christians are beginning to realize that missionary activities are 'futile.'"

Rabbi Eisenstein's explanation leaves only one prominent rabbi openly advocating that Jews enter the missionary ranks. He is Rabbi Robert Gordis, of Temple Beth El, Great Neck, Long Island.

### 2 Reform Rabbis Decry Conversion Talk

NEW YORK (NJP)—Two influential Reform rabbis came out strongly last week against efforts to convert non-Jews to Judaism.

Rabbi Julius Mark of Temple Emanu-El told his congregation: "We would be transgressing the very Golden Rule which is the foundation stone of the faith of Judaism."

Rabbi Louis I. Newman of Congregation Rodeph Shalom declared: "The door is always open to non-Jews... who wish to join the ancient faith of Judaism—but they must come to us; we will not go to them." Judaism should "turn aside

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## I THINK AS I PLEASE

## How Israelis Get Around Paying High Travel Taxes

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—There are certain inexorable laws of economics, and though the layman may not always be familiar with the technical terminology, or the textbook renditions, these laws operate with the same certainty as physical laws of nature. An interesting example is now in evidence here in Israel.



The major difficulty standing in the way of an Israeli who wishes to travel overseas is the lack of foreign currency. A full bank account in Israel pounds will not pay his expenses abroad, nor purchase travel tickets to the extent that they must be paid for in hard currency. Yet, strangely, hundreds, even thousands, of Israelis each year are struck by the wanderlust, and are to be found on the highways and byways of the world.

SOME OF THESE are businessmen or salesmen who are permitted by the government legally to receive hard currency in place of domestic currency so that they may go abroad and cultivate new markets for Israel's products. Some are students on specially authorized study courses. Some are diplomats or representatives on fund-raising missions.

In addition to these, there are vast numbers of others who spend anywhere from a week to several months in travel or vacation.

Where do they get the necessary hard currency, when Israelis are not supposed to have hard currency?

Some receive tickets from their relatives

abroad, and maintain that their overseas expenses are likewise covered.

The ministry of finance may suspect that this is just a device to evade control laws, for when the relatives come to visit Israel their expenses are in turn covered by the local people as a sort of exchange. The net effect is that Israel loses the tourist income which it would otherwise get.

AT ANY RATE, the government decided that if Israelis are going to travel anyhow, legally or semi-legally, they should pay for the privilege. A new tax was promulgated: Forty per cent on plane and ship tickets if bought locally in Israel currency, and 15 per cent if the tickets were sent from abroad, even ostensibly as a gift. There were many complaints that a heavy tax on travel abroad was undemocratic, that it limited freedom of movement, etc., but the tax went into effect nonetheless.

It is too early to come to conclusive findings, but an interesting trend is already discernible. For the sake of illustration, let us examine a fictitious but possibly typical case:

YOSEF CARMELI has worked hard for many years, has saved up a small nest egg, and decides to go abroad. If he can come to an understanding with Uncle Samuel in Chicago, he can go to the United States, spend a month there, and return, without the need for any American dollars of his own. It simply means that next summer he will cover all Uncle Samuel's expenses in Israel, paying from his savings. The one hitch is that when the round-trip ticket arrives from Chicago, whether for plane or ship, he will have to pay a tax amounting to 15 per cent of its value.

If Carmeli has no Uncle Samuel he must oper-

ate on his own. He can purchase his own plane tickets, but must pay the extra 40 per cent tax. Alternatively, he can go out and buy dollars on the black market, arrange to have his ticket bought abroad by an agent and then sent to him by a fictitious uncle—and thus pay 15 per cent instead of the 40 per cent. However, black market dollars are expensive, and what he may save on the tax, he will lose in the exchange transaction. Now what?

RESTRICTIVE LAWS inevitably foster methods of evading them, and the tighter the restrictions, the more escape avenues will be ingeniously found.

So Carmeli buys a ticket to near-by Cyprus, or Turkey or Greece, and like a good law-abiding citizen pays the 40 per cent tax. Upon arrival at his destination, a few hours later, he collects the black market dollars, or the relatives' funds, which he had previously arranged to be deposited to his account there—and then, walking into the nearest travel agency, buys travel tickets to distant destinations—without tax!

The number of Israelis traveling abroad this year is greater than ever, but despite the new tax—indeed, because of it—observers already freely predict that there will be less income for the Israel treasury than ever. Besides, the Israel travel agencies also lose out on their commissions, and that is another loss to the nation's economy.

Only year-end statistics will tell the whole story, but it appears reasonably certain that even in the levying of taxes there is a point beyond which government income will decline, as even the decent taxpayer is forced to seek out illegal methods of economic self-defense.

## Views of Jewish President Of AMA Challenged by Rabbi

By ALFRED G. ARONOWITZ

NEWARK, N. J. (NJP)—The Jewish physician who is president of the American Medical Assn. has been accused of "dangerously misleading thinking" on the subject of discrimination against Jewish applicants to medical colleges.

This accusation came from Rabbi Louis M. Levitsky of Congregation Oheb Shalom, who said that such thinking often is the basis for discrimination in other areas of the community.

THE PRESIDENT of the AMA is Dr. David B. Allman, who replied to complaints about discrimination by saying that the "percentage of Jewish medical students exceeds the percentage of Jewish population." "This kind of thinking is dangerous when it comes from

any source," said Rabbi Levitsky, writing in the Oheb Shalom Review, "but it is infinitely more dangerous when it comes from the occupant of so important a post as the presidency of the AMA."

IN EXPLANATION of his stand, Dr. Levitsky, a ribbi with the reputation of being outspoken in many areas, asked,

"Can you imagine how often it (this type of thinking) can be used in communities with a small number of Jews as a basis for excluding Jews from teaching, or politics, or civic organizations?"

In a democracy, Dr. Levitsky wrote, there must be no restriction on the basis of religion.

"SUCH LIMITATION has always been the mark of totalitarianism," he said. "The

## Will Daily Paper in N.Y. Be Launched?

NEW YORK (NJP) — Attempts to verify assertions that a daily Anglo-Jewish newspaper will be launched in New York this fall, backed by \$3 million, met with only limited success.

Its promoter, Jerry Hoffman, journalist and newscaster, assured The POST and OPINION that the publication would make its appearance sometime in October.

Hoffman said that the newspaper will be modeled after the famed Christian Science Monitor, containing world-wide news coverage plus special sections that will deal with items and news of interest to American Jews.

numerous clausus, as it is officially known, is a by-product of Russian and German life. It has no place in American civilization, unless we are ready to succumb to totalitarianism."

The editorial policy of the paper, Hoffman said, will be a "moral" approach to news.

Some of the names that have with the new venture are Max Lerner, Bernard Baruch, and Dr. Nelson Glueck. One the financial side of the publication, the name of Warburg was given out, but all Warburgs contacted by the POST on Wall St. denied ever hearing of a Hebrew Express Chronicle. Yet rumors still persist concerning an alleged \$3 million that has been deposited in a New York bank as financial backing for the enterprise.

Inside sources at the New

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What Foods These Morsels Be

## LUSCIOUS FRUITS AND BERRIES MAKE SHAVUOT TABLE BEAUTIFUL

By SARAH LIEBER

For your observance of Shavuot by all means decorate the table with fruits and berries, especially the new seasonal delights coming into the market from nearby farms. They are beautiful to look at, and of course, luscious to eat. Fruits combined with flowers or leaves make lovely table centerpieces. A pot of ivy or philodendron lends itself to such decorations. You will be entertaining, of course. Below are a number of mid-high recipes especially appropriate to yom tov serving.

### NECTAR FLOATS: ORANGE BLOSSOM

- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 cups orange juice
- 2 tps. grated orange rind
- 6 cups milk

1 pint vanilla ice cream  
cinnamon  
Blend the honey with the juice and rind. Add cold milk, stirring to blend. Top with ice cream and sprinkle with cinnamon. Garnish with grated orange rind or slices of orange. Serves six to eight.

### STRAWBERRY BLOSSOM

- 1 quart cold milk
- 6 tbsps. honey
- 2 cups crushed fresh strawberries
- 1/4 tsp. almond extract
- 1 quart strawberry ice cream

Combine milk, honey, strawberries, flavoring and one pint of the ice cream. Beat in electric mixer or with rotary beater until blended. Pour into glasses and top with scoops of ice cream. Serves six to eight.

### PEACH BLOSSOM

- 2 cups crushed peaches (fresh, frozen or canned)
- 6 tbsps sugar
- 2 tbsps. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. almond extract
- 4 cups cold milk
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream
- peach slices
- nutmeg

Combine peaches, sugar, juice and flavoring. Beat to blend. Chill one-half hour in the refrigerator. Combine with the milk and pour into tall glasses. Top with scoops of ice cream. Garnish with peach slices and sprinkle with nutmeg. Serves four to six.

### CREAM CHEESE

#### BLUEBERRY ROLL

- 1 lb. cream cheese
- 4 tbsps. powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup honey

1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup heavy cream, whipped  
chopped nuts  
1 quart washed blueberries  
Beat the cheese, sugar, honey, salt and vanilla until creamy. Fold in whipped cream. Spread the chopped nuts thickly over a sheet of waxed paper. Turn out the cheese mixture on the nuts and shape into a long roll by bringing up the sides of the waxed paper. Chill two hours. Surround with the blueberries. Serve in slices. Serves 10 to 12.

### CHEERRY CREAM CHEESE PIE

- 1 15-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 20-oz. can red sour pitted cherries, well drained
- 1 baked 9 inch pie shell
- 1/4 cup sugar

Combine the condensed milk and lemon juice, and stir until thick. Mash the cheese with a fork until smooth. Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating after each addition. Stir in cherries and fold into the first mixture. Pour into pastry shell. Make a meringue of the egg whites by beating until soft peaks form, and then gradually beating in the sugar. Whip until stiff peaks are formed. Spoon over the top of the filling. Bake for five minutes at 425 degrees or until the meringue is light brown. Cool.

### CHEESE KUGEL

- 1 lb. dry pot or farmer cheese, sieved
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup white raisins, plumped
- rind of 1/2 lemon, grated
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 2 cups corn flakes, rolled into crumbs
- 2 tbsps. brown sugar
- butter

Sieve the cheese then add the yolks, cream, sugar, juice and raisins, and blend. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold in. Grease a two quart casserole or baking dish and sprinkle one-third of the corn flakes crumbs on the bottom. Pour in half of the cheese mixture. Dot with butter and sprinkle with one half of the remaining corn flake crumbs. Pour in the second half of the mixture. Sprinkle with the remaining crumbs and the brown sugar. Bake one hour at 350 degrees. Serve hot or cold. Serves six.

### COTTAGE CHEESE MAIN DISH PIE

- 1 unbaked 9 inch pie shell
- 2 cups creamed cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup sour cream

- 2 cups hot mashed potatoes
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 tbsps. finely minced onion
- 3 tbsps. finely chopped pimento
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 1/4 tps. butter

Combine the cheese and cream and beat into the hot mashed potatoes. Stir in salt, onion and pimento. Fold in well beaten eggs. Pour into pie shell. Dot top with butter. Bake one and one-quarter hours at 350 degrees or until browned. Serve hot or cold as a main dish. Serves six to eight.

### CHOCOLATE CHEESE PIE

- 3 eggs, separated
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsps. cocoa
- 2 tbsps. cornstarch
- 1 cup cottage cheese, small curd variety
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 unbaked 9 inch pie shell
- 1/2 cup sour cream for topping
- almond slivers or shaved sweet chocolate for garnish

Beat the egg yolks until light and frothy. Blend dry ingredients and add to beaten yolks. Blend well. Stir in cheese and cream. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake 35 to 45 minutes at 375 degrees until a table knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in the oven. Chill. Before serving, top with sour cream, slightly sweetened if desired. Garnish with almond slivers or shaved chocolate. Keep chilled until eaten. Serves six.

### A Word to the Wives

When cooking or baking cheese and egg dishes, remember not to have the temperature too high.

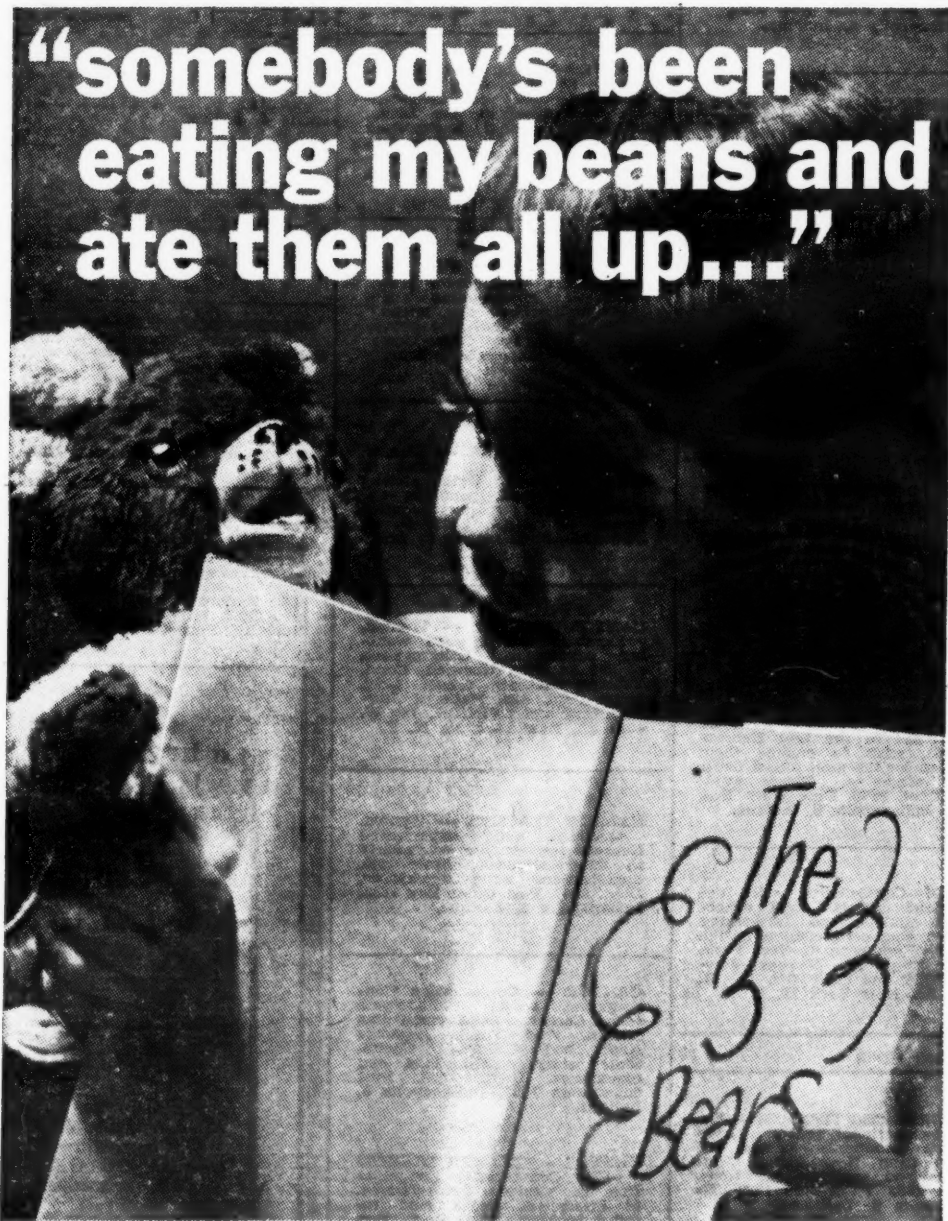
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By ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

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Except for some errors of translation (Waada for Vaad, Erie for Uri, and more) the translators from the German offer a capable rendition.

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His major achievement has been to interpret the prophetic messages in terms of the times in which they were delivered.

and the applications to be derived today. He includes an essay on the mission idea in Israel. It is well that Dr. Blank has put together his Isaiah studies in this connected dissertation, for few biblical scholars write with the acumen and interest he evidences throughout.

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The new Jewish state to be called Israel was besieged by invading Arab armies minutes after her establishment . . . Americans and Russian recognition of the new state was immediate . . . Dr. Chaim Weizmann was elected Israel's first president . . . The American Council for Judaism declared unyielding opposition to the new state of Israel . . . A Montreal lunatic set fire to 10 Jewish-owned cottages, declaring he did it because "all Jews are communists."

### FIVE YEARS AGO

The four General Zionist members of the Israel government coalition resigned . . . The refusal of Jews to migrate to Israel is likely to create anti-Semitism, declared N. Hurwitz, editor of Folk Un Zion, World Zionist organization publication in Jerusalem . . . The American Council for Judaism was upbraided for "ridiculing Jewish sanctities" by the National Council of Young Israel . . . Israeli Prime Minister Ben-Gurion denounced members of his (Mapai) party who insist on using the

socialist red flag and singing the socialist anthem "Tehezakna" in the public schools.

### ONE YEAR AGO

Israel doesn't fulfill the Jewish messianic ideal, said Dr. Erich Fromm, noted psychologist . . . Israelis are more tolerant toward anti-Zionists than Americans, declared anti-Zionist Lessing Rosenwald . . . A controversy raged in Newark, N. J., on the scheduling of New Jersey's primary election on the first day of Passover . . . Only a fraction of Conservative rabbis are using the new Conservative ketuba, it was revealed . . . The American Jewish League for Israel was founded.

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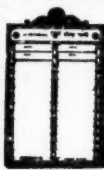
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## DRAFT NEUMANN?

The meeting of leaders of the Zionist Organization of America which decided to draft Emanuel Neumann, present president, for a third term, after he announced that he was available, was a farce.

This was not a draft Neumann meeting—he called it himself; it was a stop Jacques Torczyner meeting. It is incomprehensible how one who has been through the thick and thin of Zionist politics, as has Mr. Torczyner, could have been so inept in his political decision to withdraw (NJP, May 16).

Not only did he fail to comprehend what was taking place, but he removed himself from an almost sure position to win the presidency. In addition, he now has practically relegated himself to the limbo of aspirants for the presidency of what still is the most significant Zionist group on the American scene.

But the likelihood is still there that Dr. Neumann will not be re-elected. We can presume that the constitutional hurdle which provides that a president may only serve two consecutive one-year terms, will be overcome by one means or another.

But this does not reckon with the rank and file of the Zionist movement, which has become restive at the lack of glamor and achievement of the ZOA at a time when Israel is on everyone's tongue.

**THE BIGGEST MYSTERY** of it all is why Mr. Neumann, who now has been president of the ZOA for four years (two years in the 1940s), wants the job for another year. He has enough laurels to last him, and his place in Zionist history is assured.

The field is by no means bare of real leadership talent. For one, Philip Klutznick, who will retire as president of the B'nai B'rith, would bring new vigor to the movement. His Zionist background, in addition to the fact that he steered B'nai B'rith into the ranks of the Zionist world, goes back to the vice-presidency of the Southwestern region of the ZOA in 1931.

**RABBI MAURICE EISENDRATH**, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, is a Zionist of tremendous capabilities, whose courage and leadership qualities make him another ideal person to head the movement. His Zionism is second to that of no one on the American Jewish scene.

There are no doubt many others.

No one group or clique—no one man owns the Zionist Organization of America. Zionism is a democratic movement, and the ZOA evidently is the most democratic movement in American Jewry—it has more than 25 vice-presidents.

Now let democracy prevail. Let the competition for office which is the backbone of democracy operate within the ZOA.

If there were a draft-Neumann movement, its reverberations might have been heard throughout the United States Jewish community. But there was none. If anything, there was a considerable feeling of relief that it was time now for a new person, someone with new vigor and enthusiasm, to take over the reins of office.

We hope Dr. Neumann will reconsider.

But in case he doesn't, we hope there will be a rebellion among the delegates to the convention against this smoke-filled room method of electing presidents, by depriving the convention of its one single most spectacular action—selecting the man who is to lead the organization to greater heights.

## WHO ARE THE GUILTY ONES?

We hope there will be a wide dissemination of the little piece by Rabbi Leo Bergman (NJP, May 16) discussing the weaknesses of some public speakers.

Nothing can be as boring as the kind of person who graces a program and then either because he has nothing to say or has not prepared himself adequately, ruins what otherwise might have been a stimulating evening.

In the Jewish group, as no doubt in the general community, this evil is quite prevalent.

But there is one evil, which no doubt is limited to the Jewish group, and that is to take an ordinary two-hour program, and crowd it with speeches which end up just about midnight. An exhausted audience wonders about this kind of endurance test and finds it hard to believe that the same organization will do it over and again.

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## The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

I saw the man tentatively move into the waves that were breaking onto the beach as if he were tasting them. He looked much younger than Nahum Goldmann, although his paunch might have been the giveaway. When he got out as far as about thigh deep, continuing his almost shy movements, and progressing forward not straightaway but sideways, he turned and walked back up the beach.

As he approached the parapet which marked the swank Carillon Hotel, although covered only by a pair of solid blue trunks, he could not be mistaken for just another individual. He was Nahum Goldmann, the acknowledged leader of the Jews.

**WE TWITTED** with him for several seconds. He seemed to know me, but wasn't so sure, but did promise me an interview at 9:30 the following morning.

When we called his room, he was not there, and when we located him in his beach chair, he said why didn't you call me? I told him that I had, and we set another date—this time for 12:30, which he kept.

But he wouldn't give me an interview, shrewd poker player that he is. He prefers to play his hand close to his vest. Nevertheless, we did chat for a while, and he listened to some ideas from me which if he would adopt would really make him a great man, and we parted with him asking that I drop in to see him in New York, and complaining that he didn't get to see The POST and OPINION often.

If this latter is so, I thought, how is it that he seems to be stealing so many of the ideas expressed on this editorial page, but maybe when two brilliant men apply themselves to the same problems, they come up with the same answers.

I had showed him one of the questions I had written out on some note paper, and he laughed, while his companion or he asked if this question had been posed by the Israeli counterpart of the United States secret serv-

ice. The question was about his aspirations to become prime minister of Israel.

**A POOR REPORTER** is not to be found at the Carillon Hotel in Miami Beach, even with May rates, unless there was a reason—there was—the convention of the American Jewish Congress.

This was a fine, stirring convention, as well arranged as are the conventions of the American Jewish Committee, with at least one important difference, which we needn't go into here.

Although there seemed to be a great preponderance of women delegates (a lack of men), there actually were almost 500 delegates, and this makes it close to one of the largest conventions of any national Jewish organization we've attended in a long while.

For us any convention is an opportunity to renew acquaintances.

Just to name them will show you what we mean: First Sidney Hollander, in our estimation the finest person in the United States Jewish community, barring none.

But look at this array: Shad Polier and Justine, Isaac Toubin, Stanley Myers and Martha, Rabbis Leon Kronish and Yaacov Rosenberg, Max Kopstein, Milton Silberman, Bill Cohen, Rabbi Israel Goldstein, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer May, Isidore Teitelbaum, and so many others.

**THE SESSIONS** were quite stimulating, and some looked as if they were going to end up in a fist fight—especially one, with Polier squaring off to defend the pride of Justine, and against Nahum Goldmann. It would have been quite a fight—but the next day as we stepped into the elevator with Nahum, there were Justine and Shad and she and Nahum kissed, while I asked Justine where she was keeping her dagger. Sure enough, she didn't have one.

Revy Balkin, our ace Miami Beach reporter, was there to help with the coverage, and whether we did a good job, will be up to you to judge from the news stories elsewhere in this issue.

## SHAVUOT:

The Time of the Giving of the Torah

By **RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN**  
KAM Temple, Chicago

How unfortunate that the word law has pre-empted the various shades of meaning of the term Torah.

For "law" has the connotation of the fixed and the frozen. It smells of the mustiness of leather-bound ordinances; it flaunts the circumlocutions of "whereases" and the stiltedness of "the party of the first part and the party of the second part"; suggests black-robed Olympians, drained of human passion, judging lowly sinners; hides the blue coat, the pistol and the prison key—the apparatus of enforcement.

**Rabbi Weinstein**

It will be some time before the popular conception of law will be modified by the philosophic largesse of a Holmes and a Cardozo, or by the sociology in depth of a Brandeis and a Black, or by the historic perceptiveness of a Douglas and a Warren, or by the psychogenic insight of an Edgerton and a Bazelon.

**UNTIL THAT TIME**, it is necessary to warn the English reader that "law" is only a token equivalent of the term "Torah." For Torah is revelation in the sense of insight and in the sense of truth confirmed by experience and reconfirmed by the weighted judgment of many minds over a long period of time. It is, in short, the essence of the collective wisdom of the race formulated into directives for guidance.

Torah is the process, as well as the goal; the form, as well as the content. It is the apparatus of apprenticeship, the system of instruction by which the collective wisdom is handed on to the generations.

But Torah is even more than goal and process, it is obligation and commitment: The solemn undertaking of every Jew to learn, to do and to teach. It is the continuous scriptural authority of the tradition kept fresh and fluid by the living waters of oral interpretation.

**THE WRITTEN TORAH** is not fixed in granite, but rather suspended in a living

stream of light that comes from the best minds of each age. Only such a Torah could have embodied the Commandments, which Moses believed to be binding on all the generations—the one at Sinai and those not yet born.

A law giver who had rebelled against the frozen presumptions of Egypt and whose people had been born in the fires of revolt and exile could hardly have been inclined to impose another fixed code on the folk of Israel.

The marble tablets of the law may be fixed to the walls of the synagogue, but it is the parchment scroll from which we take our guidance. It is a scroll which we read and re-read, interpret and re-interpret, always bathing the inherited letters in a stream of consciousness from the living present.

**IT IS THIS KIND** of Torah which our young will accept—a Torah still as unfinished as their own lives, evolving into deeper and ever deeper intensities. Only a Torah which leaves room for the insights and truths which they may glean from the harvests of their experiences is worthy of their devotion.

To this Torah, our confidants at this time of sacred loyalties will declare their heart's desire "to understand and to do." In this Torah, they will find the ever certain, yet ever changing, alphabet of the eternal dialogue between God and man.

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### HOLIDAYS and FESTIVALS

Holidays Begin Sundown of Previous Day

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| Shavuot .....              | May 25-26       |
| Tisha B'Av .....           | July 27         |
| Rosh Hashana .....         | September 15-16 |
| Yom Kippur .....           | September 24    |
| First Day of Sukkot .....  | September 29    |
| Second Day of Sukkot ..... | September 30    |
| Hol Hamoed Sukkot .....    | October 1-4     |
| Hoshana Rabba .....        | October 5       |
| Shemini Atzeret .....      | October 6       |
| Simhat Tora .....          | October 7       |



## READER SEES NO HARM IN UNCO-ORDINATED WORK

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: In your editorial "Broken Record" of May 2, you make a rather sweeping generalization when you speak of "the fate of the Jewish community."

The national Jewish agencies, neither individually nor collectively are going to determine what you rather mystically and esoterically refer to as "fate."

Of course it is true that community relation work is beset by the demons of vested interests chewing fiercely to swallow as much legitimately justified programmatic activity as an allocations committee or a lay board will buy without being able to determine if in the process of digestion a forward advance of total community decency has been effected.

But I would not claim to speak pontifically that we may suffer a dire fate because of confusion, duplication or cross-

purposeful activity in this field. That has been going on for a long time and will continue to be the practice as long as agencies have staff members and skilled work remains to be done by trained manpower.

We do not, in this country, have a single Jewish point of view on any subject and probably never will. The freedom to differ and not to feel the need of being bound by group discipline nor a majority position will probably always distinguish our mental climate.

LEONARD J. BROOKS

Cincinnati 29, O.

Editor's Note: What does reader Brooks think of the fact that on the problems involved in the school integration question, the Jewish organizations not only act on their own, but don't even let each other know what they are doing. Is he opposed even to consultation so that everybody won't be stumbling over everyone else?

## Too Much Concern With Fund-Raising

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: In your issue of April 25, you had an editorial "Where Is Our Leadership?"

The same lack of giants to lead the Jewry plagues also the entire world at the present time. However, I do not think that this deficiency is of prime importance in the Jewish community.

WE HAVE developed certain characteristics which are stifling the development of our entire Jewish body. Among these causes are:

- 1) Organizational discipline and loyalty, which transcends devotion to the greatest good for the greatest number.
- 2) The tremendous concentration of all Jewish efforts on fund-raising for local, national, and overseas needs.
- 3) The vulgarization of Jewish life.

Included in the third category is the breakdown of democracy in all phases of Jewish life. In the religious sphere, we are making the rabbinate a class separate and apart from the laity. We are in the process of creating a religious hierarchy. Our intellectual leaders devote their efforts to organizational problems and to making appeals for funds. Even the Israelis who are brought to our shores stress only the economic and political phases of life in Israel.

THERE IS NO public discussion about other aspects of life in Israel and the problems there. The "eggheads" of Jewish life are compelled to live in ivory towers and discuss matters of intellectual content only among their own small group. We no longer have debates on any of these problems. Those who hold the office of leadership descend from their Olympian heights to pontificate occasionally on some pertinent theme.

I am sure that this is not by design, but rather as a result of the stress of the times. Life, however, requires thinking on other subjects besides philanthropy, general community planning and investments. We are in dire need of directional thinking.

This should receive attention and study and I think it is a situation that must be remedied.

SEYMOUR B. LIEBMAN  
Miami Beach, Fla.

## Proud of Spokesmen On Humane Slaughter

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

I attended the Senate hearing on the Poage Humane Slaughter act on May 1, and want to mention publicly that the four gentlemen who represented Orthodox and national Jewry in the United States on that day should certainly be commended.

Rabbi Teitz, Rabbi Sharfman, Dr. Lewin and Mr. Feuerstein, presented their reasons for opposition to this bill intelligently, forcefully, with dignity, yet in humility.

I hope and pray that today's students of Hebrew studies will be able to match such scholarly and wise presentation of Orthodox and national Jewish interests at the conference tables throughout the world with such eloquence.

With many thanks to those speakers, I am for continued faith in the survival of our brethren everywhere.

HELEN VOGEL  
Washington, D. C.

## Zionist Youth Not As Poor as Pictured

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

In regard to your editor's chair in the May 9 issue which paints an awfully bleak picture of Zionist youth in this country, may I as the community actions director of the leading religious Zionist youth organization in this country, and member of the American Zionist council differ with you on this score.

True, the week end that you witnessed was apparently not a gathering of eager Zionists who are about ready to embark upon aliya. If you will further investigate the issue you will learn of the numerous activities, seminars, and week ends which Zionist youth organizations hold during the year, and if I may add, are quite successful.

In essence the Zionist youth movement still has a "long way to go." However, we are now on the right path.

SANFORD ZWICKLER  
New York City

## Says Rabbi Weinstein A Christian Missionary

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION: Apropos to Jacob J. Weinstein's column on the sedra "Shemini," I noted with deep interest his "An Answer to My Critics."

I note with surprise that the writer finds that he can find no comments to make on the portion of the week. Any rabbi worthy of his salt, given the opportunity to expound on the sedra "Shemini," would write pages, not columns. This again points out the fact that this column written by this gentleman is superfluous, a sham and a guise to use it as a sounding board for his false Christian principles.

I believe it would be to the benefit of all your Jewish subscribers — Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform—and to your newspaper, that you eliminate completely the interpretations or summary of the portion of the week if it is given by an individual like Weinstein. Your newspaper has been doing a good job reporting the news, so why not keep it that way.

The Christian missionaries have their own publications. Why give them additional space in a Jewish NEWS publication.

MARTIN LASHER  
New York City

## Use Japanese Not To Offend

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

I was terribly irritated to find that as fine a publication as yours had, through negligence, used a headline which reads as follows: "Japs May Build 2 Israel Plants for \$145 Million." This article appeared in your May 9 edition.

For your information, the Japanese people look with scorn upon the use of the word, "Jap." I have in my file at least 50 statements made by prominent Japanese-Americans denouncing the use of the word, "Jap," as a descriptive phrase with reference to their people. They compare the use of such a word with calling a Jew "Sheeny," "Kike," and a Negro "Nigger."

SAMUEL L. SCHEINER  
Executive Director  
Minnesota Jewish Council

## Neutrality Only Sham. Says POST Conservative

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:

I take exception to your espousal of the Conservative viewpoint while professing to be neutral.

You may rest assured that the day that an Orthodox weekly will be published I will cancel this subscription forthwith. (I can hear you chuckling to yourself: "If that's what he's waiting for, then we are guaranteed his subscription for life"—but just you wait and see.)

ABRAHAM DICHER  
Brooklyn 25, N. Y.

## 'NAZIS EVERYWHERE'

SAFAD, Israel — Natorei Karta members this month distributed leaflets showing the emblem of the police department with a swastika and the words: "Join the Police! Published by the public information department of the Nazi-Israel police."

## DIGEST OF THE YIDDISH PRESS

## What Can Social Services Do For Converts in Difficulty?

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

The Christian Negro wife of a member of the Negro synagogue in Harlem converted to Judaism. After the death of her husband she lived, sans benefit of clergy, with a Christian Negro. The child of this union needed help of a mental hygiene naure, so the mother took it to a Jewish agency. Question: should the child be referred to a non-Jewish agency?

A Jewish girl bears the illegitimate child of a Protestant, who deserts her. She raises the child as a Jew. Later she marries a Catholic who demands that their child be reared in his faith. Trying to raise one child Jewish and the other Catholic, the woman becomes distraught and seeks help from an agency supported by the Jewish Federation of Philanthropies of Greater New York. What advice should be given?

The Protestant wife of Jewish husband rears her child as a Protestant. Angered, the father refused to recognize the child. The mother goes to the Jewish family service and asks them to appeal to her husband to save the unity of the family.

In Korea, Jewish Gida marries a Christian who is converted by a Reform chaplain. The Jewish family, however, does not recognize that conversion and insists that the price of their friendship should be his conversion Orthodox-style complete with circumcision. The Christian feels somehow that even this will not ingratiate him with his wife's mishpaha. He goes to a Jewish federation agency for advice.

These and similar problems confront the New York Federation and its rabbi, Isaac Trainin. To establish greater rapport between social workers and religious leaders Rabbi Trainin convoked a series of meetings at which family service people have conferred with rabbis of the stature of Dr. Leo Jung and Dr. Henry Kagen. The sessions are reported on by the Day-Journal's B. Z. Goldberg.

## Foes of Zionism

### Fighting Losing Battle

When modern Zionism began a half-century or so ago, it was opposed by Orthodox (who said the Holy Land would be restored by divine not human aid),

by Reformers (who said it was the destiny of the Jew not to return to Palestine but to convey Jewish ideals to the world), and by Jewish socialists (who said social righteousness would make the entire world a Holy Land).

The bulk of all three groups ultimately became reconciled to Zionism. The Orthodox saw that a Jewish state does not really clash with messianism. The Reformers realized that Jews who wanted to do so ought to be permitted to settle in Palestine as well as any other land. The Jewish socialists saw in Palestine the crystallization of many of their programs.

But in each group a small band of diehards still cling to the old, outdated tenets: the Naturai Karta in Orthodoxy, the Council in Reform, and, among the Jewish laborites, the Bundists.

The latter group emerged from the woodwork recently at the biennial convention of the Workmen's Circle which took place in Montreal, still a great Yiddish stronghold.

When a pro forma resolution greeting Israel was proposed, a Bundist arose and voiced his opposition. This move stirred N. N. Chanin to a paean to Zionism which evoked cheers, tears and embraces for the speaker.

Other highlights of the convention of the Workmen's Circle (still 70,000 strong, still firm in their New Deal-uted socialism) included the election of president (in the presence of his parents) Montreal-reared Israel Breslau, a dressmakers' union official, a promise to the Circle, in a rousing speech by David Dubinsky, of one million ILGWU dollars for old-age homes and another million for a hospital in Beer-sheba; provision for the absorption of landsmanshaften into the Circle. (S. Regensberg, in the Forward.

## SOLDIERS CAN PICK KFOOD

TEL AVIV—Israel army units now can request substitutes for foods disliked by a majority of their members.

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## Death of Rabbi Brickner Saddens Jewish Community

CLEVELAND, O. (NJP)—The Jewish community of the United States this week mourned the death of one of its outstanding rabbis—Barnett R. Brickner, who succumbed to a cerebral hemorrhage while visiting Spain. Doctors said injuries suffered in an auto crash had nothing to do with his death.

CLEVELAND was especially shocked by news of Rabbi Brickner's death, (relayed to Fairmount Temple by the State Department) since early reports of the accident had described him as having sustained only a broken wrist and other bruises, and he was expected to be well on the road to recovery.

Messages from civic, political and religious leaders representing all organizations, parties and creeds poured in within minutes after final editions of Cleveland's two afternoon papers carried headline news of the death.

RADIO AND TV commentators broke into the regular programs to bring the tragic announcement. Within the next few hours, The POST and OPINION's Cleveland correspondent received countless phone-calls asking for further details. Mayors, governors, senators, civic leaders, educators, and clergymen representing every faith expressed their sympathy both personally to the family and publicly in statements to the press.

Rabbi Brickner, 65, was a former president of the Conference of American Rabbis, a former vice-president of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, a former member of the executive of the Zionist Organization of America, and a former member of the actions committee of the World Zionist organization. He had been rabbi of the Euclid Ave. temple in Cleveland since 1925.

As president of the Toronto Federation of Jewish Philanthropies (from 1922 to 1925), Rabbi Brickner helped obtain permission to admit to Canada 5,000 Russian Jewish refugees who were stranded in Rumania, and helped raise funds to settle them.

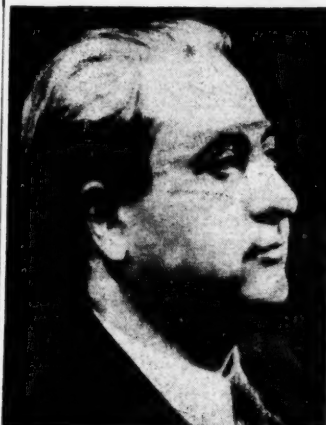
During World War I he was in charge of the training school for Jewish welfare workers in military camps in the United States and abroad. During World War II he was chairman of the committee on Army and Navy religious activities of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Funeral services Wednesday in Cleveland were attended by throngs of mourners.

He and his party were returning from Israel when they stopped off in Spain.

Mrs. Brickner was at his bedside when he died.

Also surviving him are his



Rabbi Barnett R. Brickner

son, Rabbi Balfour Brickner of Temple Sinai, Washington, D. C., and a daughter, Mrs. Joy Rabinowitz of Boston.

### William Weiss

NEW YORK (NJP)—William Weiss, 70, who was president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations from 1933 to 1942 and a former managing editor of the Orthodox Union magazine, died last week after a long illness.

Mr. Weiss was secretary of the Jewish Education Committee of New York and had served as president of the Beth Hillel Hebrew Institute and of Congregation Ohav Zedek.

### Mrs. David Lazarus

MONTREAL (NJP) — Mrs. Ella Yazarus, 72, who had been the first secretary of the Pioneer Women's organization, died in Ella Lazarus, 72, who had been had gone to visit a daughter. She also was an active member of the Labor Zionist movement and was a founder of the Jewish Peoples schools.

### Mrs. Rosalie Rottenberg

NEW YORK (NJP) — Mrs. Rosalie Margulies Rottenberg, 61, who had been vice-president of the Israel group of Hadassah, died after a long illness. For the last 10 years, Mrs. Rottenberg had been chairman of New York's annual dinner for the benefit of Hadassah's medical center and Youth Aliyah. She also was a board member of the Women's division of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism and the Women's committee for the Reconstructionist foundation.

### Arnold E. Stern

NEW YORK — Arnold Stern, 79, one of the founders of the Hebrew War Veterans of the United States, died of a heart attack in City Hall park as he was walking to his office in City Hall. Commander of the New York county committee of the United Spanish War Veterans, Mr. Stern had been one of the youngest soldiers in the Philippine hostilities.

## ISAAC BERGER WINS OVER RUSSIAN, CLAIMS SINGING AS CANTOR HELPED HIM

NEW YORK (NJP) — Isaac Berger who asserts that he never would have developed his weightlifting prowess were it not for the breath control he developed as a cantor, showed world champion Yevgeny Minayev that his victory over him in the 1956 Olympics was no fluke.

In Madison Square Garden Saturday night, Isaac helped the American team draw with a Russian squad when he downed

Minayev 804½ to 782½, in the featherweight division.

Berger, 22, was the oldest of five boys and one girl in a family that came to the United States from Israel when he was 13.

He came into contact with weight-lifting after enrolling in a Brooklyn gymnasium and showing an aptitude for the sport.

He won his first national senior title in 1955, he totaled 705.

A year later he went to 720, and in 1957 did 760. He himself is only five feet, two inches, and has a normal body weight of 135 pounds.

Berger was relatively unsung when he went to Melbourne for the '56 Olympic. He surprised those there, however, by out-lifting Minayev, 777 to 754½.

Today Berger holds all American records in his class. Last year he outlifted the field in Israel to become the Maccabiah champion.

### THE SPORTS POST

## Successor to Mondschein Flying High to Success

By GEORGE VASS

IT'S BEEN QUITE some time since Irving Mondschein was the darling of New York's track and field devotees, but a worthy successor has turned up at last.

Not only is Mike Herman of New York University a superb competitor in the decathlon but of late he has emerged as a truly sensational broad-jumper.

In a recent leap he cleared 25 feet 8½ inches to establish himself as a formidable contender in the event at the 1960 Olympics.

Israeli track fans need no testimonials as to Herman's prowess. They saw him in last year's Maccabiah Games when he won the decathlon in what could fittingly be termed a run-away. So assured was he of the championship that he did not even bother to compete in the 1,500-meter run.

Mike's all-around track prowess could hardly have been foreseen at the time Mondschein was making his big splash a decade or so ago. At that time Mike was confined to "restricted play" on doctor's orders in grade school.

HIS HIGH SCHOOL days saw him bloom out. At Abraham Lincoln high in Brooklyn, where he competed in the pole vault, high jump and high hurdles, he showed his form. His top vault of 12 feet 8½ inches has never been topped by a schoolboy in the metropolitan area.

Under the careful tutelage of Violet, Coach Emil Von Elling and successor Joe Healey, Mike has been able to develop his skills until he has become a master in the decathlon, an event that probably requires

more true athletic ability than any other sports activity.

Von Elling quickly sized up Mike's prospects and, while perfecting him in the decathlon, taught him the broad jump. He came along well in the latter event but did not live up to his potential until recently.

AT HEALEY'S instigation he tried a new approach to the broad jump. He sets up high jump standards, with a cross-bar fixed at four feet, at a distance of ten feet from the take-off board and concentrates on clearing it.

The combination high jump board jump has worked out sensationally. Mike now gets the lift he was lacking before. With the speed and spring he has always had, he has learned to utilize the height needed to be-

come a truly great broad-jumper.

Almost from the beginning Mike's intercollegiate track career has been a smashing success. As a sophomore he won the intercollegiate board jump titles, indoors and out. During the winter he retained his indoor I.C. 4-A crown.

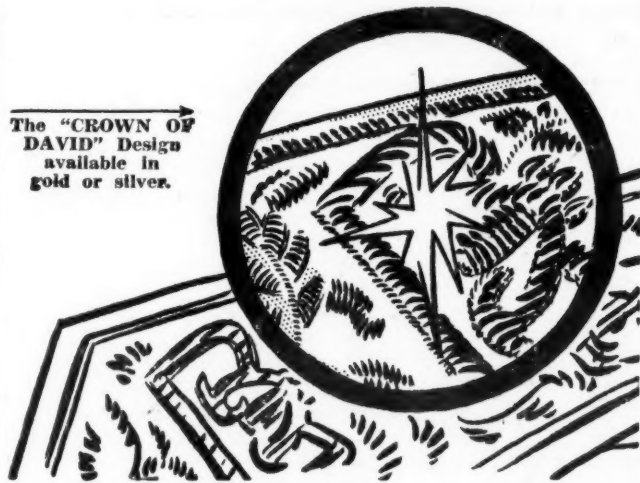
IN A RECENT triangular meet against Army and Boston University he demonstrated his importance to the NYU squad. He scored 21 of the Violets' 46½ points. He won the broad jump, javelin throw and hurdles, tied for second in the pole vault and high jump and ran third in the 100-yard dash.

This performance in the triangular meet is not just an isolated incident. In the Metropolitan Intercollegiate he took five gold medals, winning the broad jump, high jump, 60-yard dash, and 60-yard high hurdles while sharing the pole vault title.

Like all great athletes, Mike has set himself a truly formidable goal. His big ambition is to win the 1960 Olympic decathlon, a feat that would place him on a par with such sports notables as Bob Mathias and the legendary Jim Thorpe.

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